

7/13/05 Margaret Bunker

My husband and I were visiting the Magic
Theatres at the Corner of Ellsworth & Fenton - and
the first thing ~~we~~ we noticed was a large # of police
cars and we waited after a few moments and there were
20, cars then to the left of exits doors on
Ellsworth there was a lot of attention in that
direction. We saw a black male between about
18 to 22 against the wall it looked to more
than 5 less than 10 police officers ^{stop} holding him
against the wall, there was some other scuffle
and the next thing I ~~know~~ noticed he was against the
floor, he was handcuffed when he was against
the wall then on the ground and his legs were
being held behind him like cross. and again another
officer maybe a woman had his head on the ground
and her hand was on his head. It was hard to
see, but he was only about 8 to 10 feet from me.
They had him on the ground and then got him vertical
again & put him in the police car.

We were kind of flabbergasted, absent any
other knowledge it looked excessive. Not knowing
what he had done and I freely admit I don't
know what the Kid did but he obviously did
not have a weapon he was handcuffed already, he
had no shoes on but he had really clean socks.
So then we were looking around trying to figure
out what was going on.



and then the police officers that were in the street
were at Ellsworth + Fenton in my view
very gruffly stating at the pedestrians -

"leave the street immediately or you will be
arrested" and one guy had his baton out
now whether he had his baton out - or not - went
what happened earlier.

Too much police presence to me - and did
not know what was going on.

Is there excessive use of police presence
+ force was there something that really required
that police presence and if not some one needs to
look at this because that is not the feeling
that the people in Silver Spring want.

We decided to do something about it,
we found out where the main station was so
we called from the parking lot. we called
he said I am a PSA Smith - I want to make
complaint based on what we just saw. ^{he} told
more so we understood why we saw what we saw
he put me on hold - he said there is no one here
that can talk to you now. I said no one to talk
to me he said no. Went home got on line &
figure out who to contact I even called
Channel 9 to see if there was any local breaking
news in Silver Spring.

What I showed her on tape were pictures of officers that were listed on ^{from} the card.

picked out no one - remembers woman on the scene. Hall Brissett not sure maybe. on tape I explain to her what happened that night.

- 1) "address issue of 'get off street be arrested'"
- 2) ~~draw~~ cross legs behind him

No position to suggest the number of police officers it takes in an altercation like that. # of police was in range w/ incident occurred + what officers said about being arrested.

7/13/05 Karl Bauer

We were just leaving the Majestic Theatre it was around 9 to 9:15 as we approached the door we noticed alot of police men on the street as I stepped out opened the door and stepped to my left - a police officer holding a person against the wall that person did have his hands in handcuffs and then I looked to the right and I noticed several police cars on the street. I went to my right to see if I could make heads or tails of what was happening at that time there was a police officer in the street saying you must leave immediately or you will be arrested. There was a couple of police men acting in that roll what concerned me was one of the police men had a baton out saying yr must leave area immediately or you will be arrested.

As for my observation I did not see any physical violence of people involved w/ the mayle w/ the police - I witnessed the young man against the wall - 15, 20 seconds later the subject was on the ground but I don't know how he got there because I did not see that. But the young man kept saying ~~that~~ I don't know why yr are doing this yr have the wrong person - some along the lines "why are yr doing this to me."

The thing that bothered me it seemed ~~and~~ an excessive amount of police officers. I did not see him resisting. I saw his body on the ground - his face was on the concrete. I don't know why that would occur + something else a police woman came from behind + jumped on the man on the ground. 4-5 officers around individual then police woman came in and jumped into the situation that I thought was under control. I did not see what transpired from the time he was up against the wall and was on the ground.

I have never seen that many police cars, I stepped out and counted no less than 20 police cars. We came out we don't know what occurred prior to that time only the end. I am assuming the end because he was the only one in custody. They walked him to police cruiser and put him in the back seat.

Showed officers pictures he picked at no one

we waited a short period of time got our thoughts together and tried to figure out what to do next with what we had witnessed. We walked up the street to the substation. I was angry to see this happen. My concern is I live in Silsby it is important to have police presence but my feeling is to what level on terms of situational management does that type of behavior warrant that type of response

statement
of
charges

other
arrests

arrest
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ecc tape

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which I don't know because I don't know the front end of the story. That is the only thing I expect from the police department to examine ^{the progress of} what occurred that night to see ~~what~~ if it was a case of over reacting or it was warranted, I don't know I am not in the position to make that judgement - we went back to car came emergency # went to Sligo Ave - (a lot of people inside and a lot going on) heard that from people leaving the station we figured let the police do their work and we chose not to go inside, I said to my wife we probably won't be able to talk to some one at this time. my wife's conversation was on the phone you would not be able to do that at this time.

We decided to send a letter of concern to the police department.

9:15 observed then another 1/2 hr we walked down street & drove to Sligo Station

- situational management - incident started -

- police were intense you saw a sign of fear in police officers.

Coming to conclusion could have been less police officers.